

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Examiner: Jason D. PRONE

For: SLITTER BLADE ASSEMBLY

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**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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- (i.). Japanese Laid-Open patent Publication No. 01-246094 published on October 2, 1989 with English Abstract.
- (ii.). Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 64-027891 published on January 30, 1989 with English Abstract.

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